

Dear FCC Commissioners,

I am writing to protest the incredibly partisan use of the public airwaves being made by the Sinclair Group network of television stations in an effort to interfere with the upcoming presidential election.

Specifically, I am referring to their decision to force Sinclair stations to air the slanderous and libelous allegations made against Sen. John Kerry in the weeks before the election.

If Sinclair is going to provide President Bush and his campaign with the equivalent of 62 hours of media time to bash Sen. Kerry. They should also be required to provide Sen. Kerry's campaign an equal amount of time airing at equivalent times to counter the lies told in "Stolen Honor."

After all, Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest, not their own political interests. These are not Sinclair's airwaves, but the American People's airwaves. While I do not believe they should be restrained from proceeding in this fashion, I believe that the FCC must act to ensure that the playing field remains level. Thus, an order directing equal time be given the Kerry campaign on all Sinclair stations airing "Stolen Honor," seems the best solution.

Finally, Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Please post my remarks to the Sinclair file for reference when their license renewal comes up before the FCC.

Thank you.